

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

TRAILS DAY

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is fortunate to have a rich variety of natural resources, and our citizens have developed a deep appreciation for the many recreational opportunities which being outdoors in this State affords them; and

WHEREAS, the 3,500 miles of trails that cross our State are an integral part of these recreational possibilities in North Carolina and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our citizens and our visitors, whether they find it on a remote beach or mountaintop or beside an urban greenway; and

WHEREAS, our trails vary from less than a mile in length to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail that is approximately 1,000 miles in length; and

WHEREAS, they range from rugged footpaths on mountain ridges to bikeways along abandoned railway corridors, from canoe trails down our State's rivers to bridle trails in the rolling Piedmont; and

WHEREAS, trails also offer quality-of-life benefits to all North Carolinians as expressions of local community character and pride, as living workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization of a community, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, the planning, construction, and maintenance of our trails through citizen involvement is crucial to the continued success of our trails program; and

WHEREAS, with the support of businesses, non-profit corporations, trail clubs, volunteer organizations, and local, state and federal government agencies, the North Carolina Trails Committee is working to expand the trails that connect North Carolinians all across the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2006, as "TRAILS DAY" in North Carolina and encourage our citizens to become active in utilizing trail opportunities in their communities and throughout our State and ask them to work together to promote trail development in North Carolina.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina in Raleigh this sixth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.